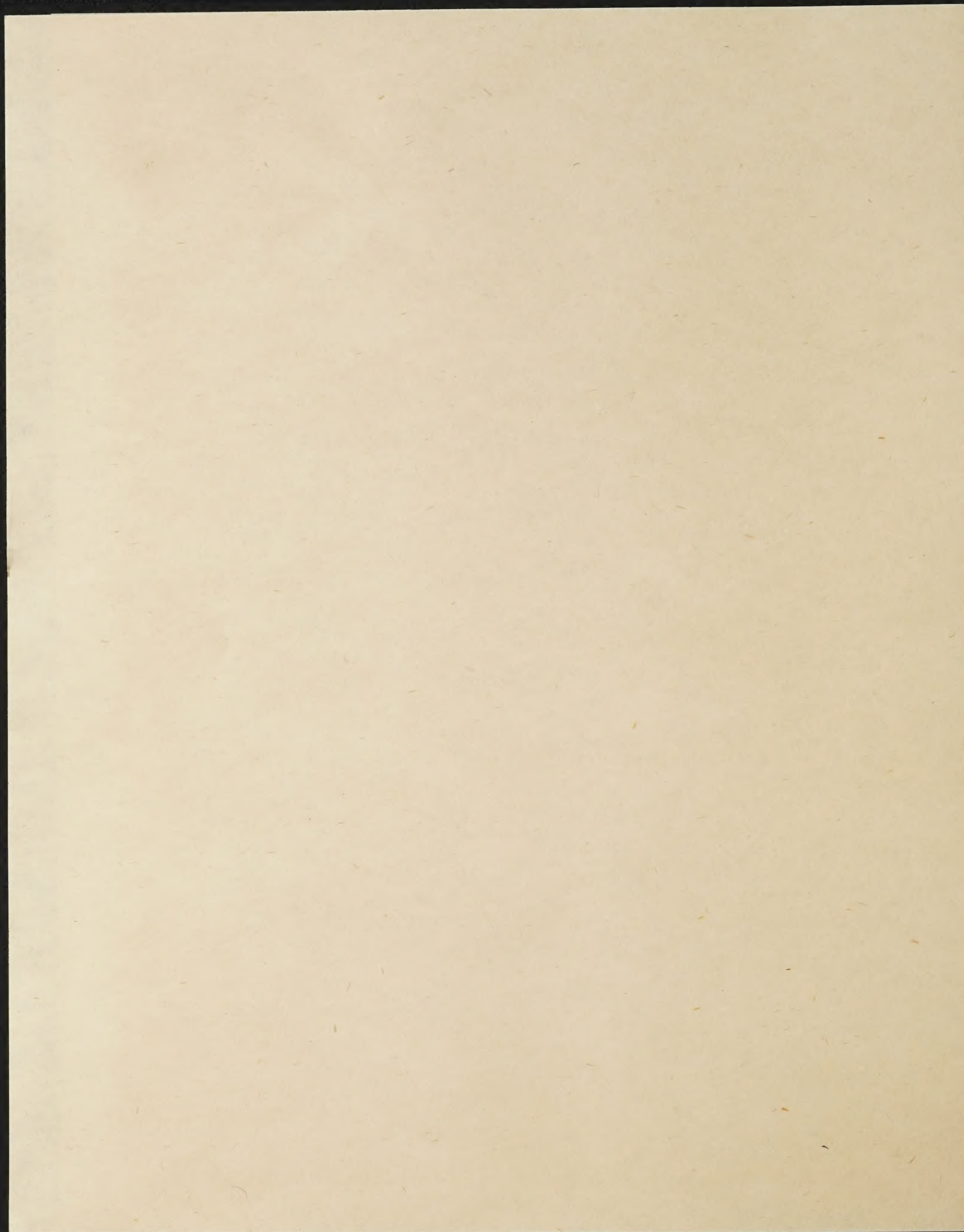


ROWELL, THE HONORABLE Newton Wesley - President, Privy Council, Ottawa,

Nov. 1918 - January '19

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SIR ROBERT FALCONER

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AM ASKING MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAR LECTURE BUREAU

TO TAKE LUNCHEON WITH ME

MONDAY JANUARY THIRTEENTH HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT

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November 28th, 1918

Honourable M. M. Rowell,
President of the Council,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Rowell:

Professor Strong has spoken to me about the matter that you refer to in your letter which I received this morning. I am afraid that it is now too late to do anything in the line of what the American Committee has accomplished. I saw Professor Shotwell last Thursday in New York and he showed me a certain amount of material that they had gathered together as a result of long and co-ordinated work by Colonel House's Committee. They sail for France next Tuesday and probably their services will be called for by the Secretary of State, but obviously at this time nothing of the same kind could be done by any of our men.

I am rather sorry that the whole question of terms of peace has not been discussed more in the public in Canada for I am sure it would have had a very fine educative effect upon our people. If a few addresses, such as you gave so wisely early in the war as to its import, could have been given say in Parliament or in such a way as to arrest the attention of our people with regard to what we would expect to be involved in the terms of peace I think that a great deal of good might have been done. Please do not think that I am criticising you in the slightest. I quite realise that the Government has been very

heavily burdened, but I am a little afraid of the effect on the public mind of having terms of peace declared and drawn up without the people having been told beforehand as to the main principles that will be laid down. I think that Sir Robert's hands might have been greatly strengthened if it would have been possible for him to have summoned Parliament and to have spoken in a general way before he went over, but it may have been out of the question.

I am enclosing you a letter which may be of some interest. You will know whether or not any action should be taken in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

President.

University of Toronto

TORONTO, CANADA

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Nov. 27th, 1918

The President,

University of Toronto.

Dear Mr. President:-

It has been stated in the daily papers that Liebknecht desires to start radical propaganda in allied countries for the purpose of causing revolutions, also that it is proposed to have socialistic wireless stations in various countries. In this connection I think it well to let you know that at about 6 p. m. yesterday, Nov. 26th, Mr. J. P. Henderson and myself, listening at the wireless apparatus, heard the German station at Nauen, near Berlin, send out a message which appeared to be, as far as we could judge from the fragments of it which were audible, of a character such as might be expected from the propaganda in question. Some fragments follow:

("Geben helfen sie beliebte Bruder." "Mit treuem Bruder-
grusse enverbundener Bruder suesi (?) vorsitzender
Grossmeister des den echr Grosilogen Bundes Darmstadt den
16th November." deutschen)

The Weshington Government may perhaps have more definite information as to what is going on if there is no monitor system at present in Canada.

Although a wireless station powerful enough to communicate with Germany could scarcely be erected in Canada or the United States without the fact being known, yet for messages to be received from Germany a very inconspicuous receiving equipment would serve, and there may easily be such on the

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eastern coast of the United States. If it is the desire of the Government, preferably associated with the United States, to make it impossible to maintain this one way communication, I would suggest that it could be done by having the Canadian Government station at Newcastle, N. B. send out undamped waves as close as possible to the wave length of the German station. This might readily be in the guise of messages apparently commercial. Advice might be obtained from another station continuously by telegraph as to the adjustment of the wave length from time to time, in case the German station should attempt to evade this by changing its wave length. The station for this purpose should preferably be on the east coast where the German signals come in strongest.

Yours truly,

J. R. Rosebough



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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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Ottawa, December 5, 1918.

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My dear Sir Robert,-

I have your letter enclosing
one from Dr. Roseburgh.

I have passed it on to the proper
authorities and it is being looked into. I am very
much obliged to you for sending Dr. Roseburgh's letter.

Re Col House Com
I regret that action was not taken
last Spring, when you brought the matter to my attention.
However, it was not, and that is about all I can say.
I am sorry that it is too late now to get the benefit
of the work done in the United States.

I return herewith Dr. Roseburgh's
letter.

Yours faithfully,

Sir Robert Falconer,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. W. R. Powell".